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Local and Personal

Miss Milligan of Anthony is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis E. Lang.

Major L. T. Izlar has gone to South Carolina, where he will spend ten days on legal business.

Mr. S. S. Duval, the Summerfield mill man, was in the city Saturday accompanied by his son.

Mr. C. E. Herrick was a distinguished Crystal River citizen doing business in Ocala Saturday.

Miss Mary Coyle returned home Saturday from a few days' visit to her former home at Leesburg.

Dr. and Mrs. John L. Davis of Irvine spent Friday with the latter's relatives in this city.

The old home of the late John T. Harris of Citra was recently burned to the ground.

Mr. Bart Lanier of Tavares passed through Ocala Monday afternoon on his way to Atlanta on business.

Mrs. J. D. Robertson and little son went down to Whitney Sunday to visit her husband's mother.

Miss Lucile Moore came home Monday afternoon from a visit to relatives at Micanopy.

Mr. C. Y. Miller of Leroy, one of the well known candidates for sheriff, was in Ocala Friday, looking after his interests.

Mrs. John Pasteur returned to Stanton Monday afternoon, after spending a few days with her son, Mr. George Pasteur.

Miss Byrd Wartmann went up to Citra Sunday to see her brother, Mr. E. L. Wartmann, and returned to Ocala Monday afternoon.

Mr. Will Croom of Tallahassee, state bank examiner, after spending several days in Ocala, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas J. Barnes is expecting a visit from her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Stine, and her little son, who are now living in Pennsylvania.

Miss Annie Mathews went down to Candler Saturday afternoon to visit her brother, Mr. John H. Mathews, and his wife for a few days.

Mr. John P. Galloway is off on an electioneering tour. This week he will take in the northern section of the county. He is letting no grass grow under his feet.

Mr. Franz Weston of Newberry, who is prominently identified with the phosphate department of the Cummey Company, spent Sunday in Ocala with Mr. L. R. Chazal.

Mr. J. B. Malloy, the well known Anthony trucker, spent Friday in Ocala and attended the circus. Mr. J. E. Howell was another prominent Anthonyite in Ocala Saturday.

Mr. E. M. Howard was quite badly hurt Friday by being run over by a boy riding a bicycle. He was knocked down and severely bruised, but not seriously hurt.

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BRIDGES—FORD

Beautiful Spring Wedding Last Night on Jackson Street

One of the prettiest spring weddings which has been seen here for many a day was that which took place last evening at the home of Mr. James L. Ford, 1105 Jackson street, when Miss S. Maddie Ford became the bride of Mr. Allan Wheelus Bridges of Ocala, Florida.

Promptly at 7 o'clock, to the inspiring strains of Mendelssohn's march, skillfully rendered by Mrs. Randolph Wheeler, the bridal party descended the stairs and proceeded to a beautifully improvised altar of ferns and palms in the parlor, around which they formed a half circle.

First came the little ribbon girls, four in number, Charlotte McMurray, Sallie McCutcheon, Mildred Hudson and Julia Howard, all beautifully dressed in white lingerie over silk, and carrying ribbons to form the aisle.

Next in order came the groomsmen, Mr. Joseph A. Ford and Mr. Holcombe A. Payne, in full dress, and wearing natural orange blossom boutonnieres, obtained from Florida. After them came the matrons of honor, Mrs. Sue D. Feaster, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Kiah Thornton Ford, sister of the bride, both gowned in chiffon over satin, with lace and pearl trimmings, wearing wreaths of natural orange blossoms, and carrying maiden-hair ferns, the two representing a picture of gently grace and beauty.

Fourth in order was the winsome maid of honor, Miss Lucy Hagood Ford, in a costume of white messaline, with duchess lace and chiffon trimmings and carrying white carnations; she, too, wearing a wreath of natural orange blossoms.

Following her came the little ring bearer, Emmet Mosley Venable, in a costume of white serge and bearing upon a silver tray the ring, mystic symbol of the union of heart and hand and life.

The little ring bearer was the forerunner of the bride, who appeared leaning upon the arm of her brother, Mr. Kiah T. Ford, looking the embodiment of maidenly loveliness, gowned in a lace robe over ivory satin, having her veil caught with natural orange blossoms, and carrying bride's roses.

They were met at the altar by the groom, Mr. Allan Wheelus Bridges, attended by his best man, Mr. L. N. Green, of Ocala, Fla.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. McMurray, pastor of the Floyd Street Presbyterian church, and the solemn words were pronounced which made them man and wife.

After the ceremony a very delightful reception was held, thus affording the large gathering of relatives and friends an opportunity of showering their congratulations.

The whole lower floor presented a very attractive appearance, with the elaborate decorations of ferns, palms, narcissus and jonquils—the color scheme of green and white prevailing in the parlor, and yellow and white in the dining room and hall, and over it a mellow glow was shed by the numerous candelabra. Delicious refreshments were served, and punch was ladled in the hall by Mrs. Edward Murrell and Mrs. Wilcox Brightwell.

Mrs. J. W. Jenks presided over the bride's book, which was a parting gift to the bride from the infant Sunday school class, which she had taught so faithfully for several years.

Miss Bessie Allen was custodian of the bride's cake, and the cutting of it afforded much merriment. Miss Carrie Allen captured the ring, Miss Bessie Allen the dime and Miss Rangely the darning needle.

The bride has ever been a favorite amongst a large circle of adoring friends in this city, where she is well known. Of a loving and social nature, she acquired friends easily, and she will be sadly missed in the church circle, being a member of the choir, and always foremost in every good work in the church society, the Earnest Workers, of which she was the treasurer.

The groom is prominent in church and business relations in his native town of Ocala, Fla., and has friends everywhere throughout the state.

The presents were unusually numerous and handsome, thus attesting the popularity of both bride and groom. Conspicuous among these presents were two chests of silver and a silver service.

Among the out of town guests were Mrs. Maggie L. Ford and Miss Annie L. Ford of Martinsville, Va., Mrs. W. L. Ford of Axton, Va., Miss Lizzie Chambers of "The Red House," Mr. L. N. Green of Ocala, Fla., and Mrs. Sue D. Feaster of Micanopy, Fla.

An interesting feature connected with the wedding entertainment was an informal but most enjoyable meeting of the Social Square Club, held in honor of the bride on the evening of March 13th, at the home of Mrs. Walter H. Jones, 1112 Jackson street. The bride was a popular member of this club, and at this meeting she was presented with a very handsome silver pitcher, as a token of their love and esteem.

Many toasts were drunk to her health, and many good wishes expressed that will follow her to her distant home in the sunny south.—Thursday's Lynchburg (Va.) News.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridges reached home Saturday afternoon and are the guests for a week of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Moore.

OCALA RIFLES INSPECTED

The annual inspection of the Ocala Rifles, Company A, 2nd infantry Florida state troops, was held at the armory Monday night, Capt. G. A. Nash, commanding. The Rifles wore their service uniform and were fully equipped for active service.

The inspection was conducted by Capt. L. S. Miller and Capt. Byron West of Jacksonville. The latter young man is well known in Ocala and has just recently been promoted to the rank of captain.

The Ocala Rifles have always borne the reputation as being one of the finest companies in the state troops, and Monday night, during the inspection they presented a very fine appearance and fully sustained the record that they have always enjoyed.

Capt. Nash and the other officers received many compliments on the bearing of the men, and they feel very proud of the results of their efforts to maintain a splendid military organization.

A NEARLY FATAL ACCIDENT

Monday, the laundry wagon, driven by Adolph Dame and L. P. Groover, was turned over near the crossing of Osceola street and Fort King avenue. Both men were thrown from their seats and came near being struck with the vehicle in its onward flight as it was dashed hither and thither by the fleeing and frightened animal. Young Groover was knocked insensible and was taken into Dr. Izlar's office, but he quickly regained consciousness, and it was found that he had received no internal injuries, and his external bruises were not very serious. Young Dame also escaped any serious injury, though he sustained some well developed bruises. The accident was caused by the tire of the vehicles getting caught in the flange of the railroad iron, and being somewhat top-heavy, easily turned over. The horse continued his tight back of the postoffice and drew up in the rear of Keating's, where further flight was impossible. The runaway presented for a while a frightful spectacle. The wagon was badly wrecked, but the horse was injured only slightly.

MR. AND MRS. FELDER LANG ENTERTAINED FRIENDS

A party of about twenty five men and women of town, indulged in a moonlight trip last night up the very picturesque Miami river, on the large passenger boat Leo, with Captain E. L. Eaton at the wheel. Arriving at the estate of Mr. Felder Lang, the merry-makers disembarked and went to the Lang homestead. Was the visited family at home? Yes the ever hospitable Mr. and Mrs. Felder Lang and Miss Lang, their accomplished daughter were ready without even a moment's notice to dispense hospitality known only to those who have been their guests for a brief or long period of time.

Once inside the Lang home, the merry-makers started to dance and enjoy themselves to the utmost their host and hostess joining in to make their visitors more at home. To those who did not care to dance, Mr. Lang (who does not believe in dancing for personally known reasons) entertained by relating stories, more especially the one about his five ducks laying six eggs a day. At quite a late hour the moonlight ride was resumed in a homeward direction, and in parting all agreed that for hospitality's meaning, visit Mr. and Mrs. Felder Lang's home up the Miami river.—Miami Metropolis.

Mr. P. V. Leavengood, business manager of the Ocala Banner, is back from a business trip to Jacksonville. He says that except with those directly interested there seems to be little interest manifested in politics. The candidates, however, are busy.

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RETIREMENT OF COL. BYRNE

By direction of the president, Lieut. Col. Charles Byrne, 17th infantry, upon his own application, is retired from active service, after more than thirty-one years' service. Col. Byrne is from Washington and was graduated from the infantry and cavalry school in 1883. He was appointed second lieutenant in the 6th infantry in January, 1877, and reached the grade of lieutenant colonel in the 17th infantry in October last. He was recently stationed in Manila.—Washington Post.

Col. Charles Byrne is well and favorably known to the readers of this paper, his father, Dr. Bernard M. Byrne, being one of our pioneers, and did more perhaps than any other one individual in directing public attention to the possibilities and resources of Florida. Dr. Byrne owned valuable real estate interests in this and other counties of the state, part of which was inherited by Col. Byrne, who owns a valuable orange grove and phosphate properties in Marion county. Col. Byrne will spend the next few weeks in Jacksonville and later on will come to Ocala for a visit.

THE CASE OF JOHN D. ROBERTSON

Friday morning, Hon. W. S. Bullock, judge of the fifth judicial circuit, on a writ of habeas corpus, reviewed the case of the state of Florida vs. Hon. John D. Robertson, who had been bound over to the grand jury by the court below to answer to the charge of being an accessory with Policeman Homer Dean in an aggravated assault on Alderman Melver.

The distinguished jurist said that so far as he knew there was no such crime under the statutes of our state, making an accessory to a misdemeanor or a crime, but that if there were ever so many statutes there was no evidence connecting Mr. Robertson as an accessory to this assault.

Judge Bullock went over the evidence very diligently and studiously and made notations of the testimony of each witness in the case, and said that it was impossible to find any link in the chain of testimony connecting Mr. Robertson with the affair, so he was discharged. To use the judge's own words, he said there was not a scintilla of evidence against the defendant.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The friends of Mr. William E. McGahagin, of Lake Weir, have prevailed on him to enter the race for county commissioner for his district and he has consented to do so.

In the olden times the McGahagins were dominant in the political history of Marion county and were exceedingly popular. For a long time Judge William E. McGahagin, uncle of the candidate whose claims we are now discussing, was judge of the court now presided over by Judge Joseph Bell. Mr. Joshua McGahagin was also a leading political factor and both were very prominent at every political gathering and at the outbreak of the civil war Mr. Joshua McGahagin, though always an ardent whig, raised a company and enlisted in the struggle. The present William E. McGahagin was a private in his father's company. He attended school in Ocala after the conflict was over, being yet a boy, and after his graduation was married in this city. Since which time he has led a quiet life as a farmer and fruit grower.

Mr. McGahagin is strictly and rigidly honest and upright. If elected to this responsible office he will faithfully and diligently perform its duties.

OCALA YOUNG LADIES SUCCEEDING AWAY FROM HOME

The following from the Massey Business College items in the Jacksonville Metropolis will be of interest here:

Miss Ruby Farris has accepted the position of stenographer for Messrs.

Thomas Nooney & Son, wholesale grocers of this city, and we have heard that she is doing well. She is among the best students we have had, and is working very hard to build up a good reputation in her chosen field of effort. She is a sister to Hon. I. L. Farris, our popular young lawyer and legislator.

Miss Edna Smith has a good position as stenographer for Messrs. Brobston and Fendig, real estate people, of this city. Miss Smith was an earnest and careful worker in school, and as we expected, is making a success in the business office.

Both Miss Farris and Miss Smith are Ocala girls and have been studying at the Massey Business School all winter, and their friends will be glad to know that they have secured such excellent positions. Miss Meeks Ausley, who went with them to this college, has successfully completed her course, and returned home Sunday afternoon. Miss Ausley hopes to secure a position here.

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